

# OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett

County Executive

## **MEMORANDUM**

May 3, 2012

TO:

Roger Berliner, President, County Council

FROM:

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

SUBJECT:

FY13 Budget Adjustments

I have determined there is a compelling need for two additional budget adjustments to my Recommended FY13 Operating Budget that I urge the Council to consider in its budget worksessions. In planning for contingencies, there is adequate set aside in my March 15 Recommended Budget to fund these budget amendments.

Similar to the comments in my April 26 transmittal of FY13 Budget Adjustments, the uncertainty concerning final resolution of the State's FY13 budget continues. These additional recommendations do not address the contingent budget reductions left in place after adjournment of the General Assembly on April 9. I anticipate making additional recommendations once the State concludes its work on the FY13 budget.

#### **FY13 Operating Budget Amendments**

#### **Health and Human Services**

Increase Cost: Reduce Waitlist for the Working Parents Assistance Child Care Subsidy Program - \$300,000

Due to the State instituted waitlist for the Purchase of Care Program and the local impact on County funded Working Parents Assistance (WPA) Program, staff in the Department of Health and Human Services have identified a total of 171 children on the WPA waitlist, as of March 31, 2012.

To ensure access to quality child care, and based on an average monthly subsidy of \$488, the additional \$300,000 I am recommending will provide an additional 51 eligible children with Working Parents Assistance program child care subsidies for one year.

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### **Human Resources**

Increase Cost: Tuition Assistance – \$300,000

To address equity issues between the Fraternal Order of Police and other County employees, the County Executive recommends additional funding in the Tuition Assistance program, to be awarded on a first come, first serve basis, up to a total of \$300,000.

## Total Expenditures - \$600,000

As always, my staff will be available to discuss these changes with the Council in its deliberations on the FY13 Budget.

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Attachment: Recommended Budget Adjustments

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